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DEMANDS

That Will Be Made On King of England by Liberal Leaders.

Creation of Many New Peers Means Death For the Present Lords.

Victory at the General Election Seems Certain and Quick.

IRISH PARTY WILL GAIN SOME

In the event of a Liberal majority in Great Britain and Ireland, and it seems certain, the Liberal leaders will demand King Edward to create 550 Liberal Peers. At present there are only 618 members of the British House of Lords, but of these 550 are Tories. Hence it will become necessary for the Liberals to have a clear working majority. In other words it would mean that the present House of Lords would be dead and buried for all time.

This same situation occurred before, as every student of English Parliamentary history knows. When Lord Grey, the Liberal Prime Minister in 1832, proposed to put an end to the rotten borough system in England, which enabled towns with a population of half a dozen individuals under the control of the local Lord to send two members to the House of Commons, the House of Lords opposed the reform to the last, and Lord Grey had at last to threaten resignation unless the King of that day—King William IV.—gave him the promise to create as many peers as would enable him to have a majority. The Peers in face of the promise of the King to do so—climbed down and the reform bill was passed.

King William was a different sovereign from King Edward. William was an old sailor—without much intelligence. Trained in all the old regime of despotism, a German of the eighteenth century, he gave the promise only at the last moment and, so to speak, at the point of the bayonet. King Edward is a nineteenth century Englishman brought up in democratic surroundings, a splendid observer of the political and popular atmosphere—in other words, as good a politician as any man in his kingdom, and he will not even make an attempt to withstand the popular will or popular liberties.

It has become quite apparent that the most powerful men in the Asquith Cabinet are determined to interpret the coming election as a mandate to deal with the present powers of the House of Lords and to deal with them drastically. The Liberals will propose to substitute the suspensory for the absolute veto which the Lords now enjoy. That is to say, while it will still be in the power of the Peers to reject a measure once in the same Parliament it will not be in its powers to reject it twice if the House of Commons should again send it up to the Lords. In other words the upper body can postpone but not defeat. The words of Lloyd-George and of several other Ministers during the recent debate mean also—when read and received or are determined to receive from King Edward the promise of giving them the means of carrying out their programme.

Of course the election, if it ends in the destruction of the absolute veto of the House of Lords, must mean the early settlement of the home rule question. There is not a member of the present Liberal Ministry who is not a convinced home ruler. The one division of opinion between them and the ardent Irish Nationalist is that the English Liberal has to think primarily of the English Liberal and the Irish Nationalist solely of the Irish Nationalist.

But apart altogether this has been the fundamental reason why home rule has not been carried in the present House of Commons, where there is a majority of nearly 300 in its favor. The Liberals knew that any bill they passed would be rejected by the House of Lords, and they dreaded the effect upon their position with their own followers—all clamoring for reforms—of their own—if they could be charged with wasting a session of Parliament in passing a measure which they knew was to be doomed in the House of Lords.

The Irish Parliamentary party can expect several gains in Ireland. Alderman Cotton, a prosperous business man of South Dublin, is sure to defeat Hon. Walter Long, the Tory incumbent. Cotton is a very pronounced Irish Nationalist. The followers of John Redmond also expect to carry Derry City for the party, and that would be a body blow to Irish Orangism. On the whole the prospect for a general clean up in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales looks decidedly bright for the Liberals and the Irish Parliamentary party.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Right Rev. Bishop McGillick, Bishop of Duluth, Minn., celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his elevation to the episcopate with a Pontifical mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Minneapolis, on Wednesday. It was a trifle celebration because it was the feast of

the Immaculate Conception, the anniversary of the church and the anniversary of Bishop McGillick, who had been pastor of that church twenty-two years before his elevation. The usual choir was supplemented by twenty-five members of the choir of twenty years ago and by an orchestra of fifteen pieces. From 8:30 until 10:30 o'clock in the evening Bishop McGillick met and greeted his old friends in Hennepin Council, Knights of Columbus, club rooms.

TRIED AND TRUE

Men Chosen as Officers of Mackin's Big Council.

The annual election of officers of Mackin Council brought out a large attendance last Monday night, and the nominations made at the previous meeting made sailing plain and easy. The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in January. President Louis J. Kieffer presided. John T. McNamee was transferred by card from Trinity Council. Albert Enz was reported improving. The President announced that the officers would attend the bazaar for Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital next Thursday night and invited as many members as could do so conveniently to meet at the club house and accompany the officers. The election of officers followed and resulted as follows:

Spiritual Director—Rev. A. J. Brady.

President—John T. Kiney.

First Vice President—Frank L. Lanahan.

Second Vice President—Sherley Coniff.

Recording Secretary—Robert Osbourne.

Corresponding Secretary—William A. Link.

Financial Secretary—Frank G. Adams.

Treasurer—Dan Weber.

Marshal—Allen G. Wobben.

Inside Sentinel—A. C. Link.

Outside Sentinel—Joseph Stewart.

Executive Committee—William Kieffer, Louis J. Kieffer, Lawrence Kinsella, John Stewart and William F. Burke.

Medical Examiners—Drs. A. R. Bizot and Michael Casper.

All the newly elected officers are tried and true members of the council, and several of them have filled the same positions for years. Hereafter the President will be assisted by an advisory board of seven members. The new President will name his board on the evening he is installed. While the election was in progress cigars were passed and the members enjoyed an informal smoker.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Of Parochial School Saw Many Able Men Together.

Last week the pastor and people of St. Gabriel's church, New York City, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of that church and school. Not the least impressive feature of the celebration was a banquet of the alumni of St. Gabriel's school, and many distinguished clergy and laymen were gathered around the festive board. The banquet was held at the Marlborough Hotel, and 250 former pupils sat down. Archbishop Farley occupied a position of honor at the head of the table, and invoked a blessing on the feast. He also praised the work done by St. Gabriel's school and said: "Fifty glorious years have passed since the venture which made St. Gabriel's the pioneer in carrying out the idea of erecting church and school together. St. Gabriel's will keep alive the principle of Catholic education."

Among the distinguished clergy who are members of St. Gabriel's alumni and who attended the feast were the Rev. Dr. John J. Dunn, Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith; the Right Rev. Monsignor Hayes, Very Rev. James V. Lewis, Fathers Aylward, Ryan, Irwin, Brody, Mastaglio, Ross, Doyle, Holland, Lynch, Murray, O'Connor, Tierney, Larkin and Rev. Dr. Hannan, the first Director of the school.

Members of the alumni during the evening contributed \$2,500 toward the erection of a new school building. Among the donors was "Big Bill" Devereux, former Chief of Police of New York City. His contribution was \$100.

DEATH OF YOUNG MAN.

Many friends mourn the death of Clarence W. Herd, Superintendent of the National Oak Leather Company, which occurred at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He had been in ill health for several months and seven weeks ago suffered a complete nervous collapse. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Lena Schoening, his mother, three brothers and three sisters. He was thirty-six years old and was a graduate of St. Xavier's College. The funeral took place from the Church of the Sacred Heart yesterday morning and was largely attended.

HONORED HIS MOTHER.

John Masterson Burke, a New York millionaire, died Friday night of last week, and left \$4,000,000 to endow a home for convalescents. The home is to be a memorial to his mother, Mrs. Winifred Burke. He had retired from active business pursuits fifty years ago. Mr. Burke was ninety-eight years old. Some years ago he gave another million dollars to a great charity in New York, but did not announce from whom the gift was presented.

BIG FAIR

To Aid Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital in Its Work.

Clergy and Laity Unite to the Success of Great Event.

Fitting Close to Year For Catholics of the Louisville Diocese.

ALL PARISHES WILL SUPPORT

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth who are in charge of Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, at Twelfth and Magnolia avenue, are desirous of increasing their building fund, and to that end have applied to the Very Rev. Administrator of the diocese, Father James P. Cronin, and to the other clergy and laity of Louisville to assist them. Thus far the responses have been spontaneous and generous. Every parish in the city is represented by ladies and gentlemen and the clergy is taking an active hand. Father Cronin authorized the call for all the meetings of clergy and laity and presided until officers were elected.

All the preliminary meetings were held in St. Francis Hall, in the basement of the Cathedral, and all arrangements have been completed for a big bazaar or fair to be held at Liederkranz Hall on the afternoon and evening of next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The hall is easy of access by the street cars and owing to its location, at Sixth and Walnut streets, is centrally enough located for pedestrians from many downtown parishes.

There will be an administration booth, country store, fish pond, linen, candy, doll and cream booths, and a dining room.

The officers in charge of arrangements are:

Chairman—Dr. P. S. Ganz.

Vice Chairman—Patrick T. Sullivan.

Secretary—Patrick Savage.

Treasurer—Al Smith.

Floor Manager—Jacob J. Hubbsch.

Wheels—Andy Kask and Thomas S. Evans.

Press—S. M. Raffo.

The following ladies will preside at various booths: Mrs. A. J. Richards, Misses Katie Smith, Lullie Wittry, Dora Barrett, and Nedames Jennie Campbell, Ben. Saydman, J. Graf, Thomas Tarry, Nadorf, Kruse, P. H. Callahan, Netherlands and Miss Fitzgerald.

The different parishes are to be represented by the following ladies: St. Michael's—Mrs. B. Sundman, Mrs. John Barry, St. Paul's—Mrs. H. Zoll, Blessed Sacrament—Mrs. W. F. Miss Maggie Wallace, St. Boniface's—Mrs. W. L. Drake, St. Brigid's—Miss Dora Barrett, St. Mary's—Miss Katie Ott, St. Patrick's—Mrs. E. Holleran, Mrs. Dan Dougherty, Miss Dora McGinty, Cathedral—Mrs. Al Smith, Miss Campbell, St. Agnes'—Mrs. Boutel, St. Mary Magdalene—Mrs. Meehan, St. Nicholas—Mrs. Aloysius—Mrs. Fitzgerald, Miss Anna Henneberger, St. Anthony's—Mrs. P. Kraft, Mrs. C. Nadorf, St. John's—Miss Stella O'Connor, Holy Name—Miss A. J. Richards, Mrs. J. J. Conolly, St. Francis of Rome—Miss Daisy Morrison, Mrs. W. L. Wiesen, Miss Margaret Tobin, Mrs. W. F. Hoffman, St. Charles—Mrs. J. Miller, Sacred Heart—Mrs. Mary Canty, Mrs. J. Tighe, St. Cecilia's—Mrs. R. Reardon, Miss Margaret Carroll, Miss Emma Fisher, St. Columba's—Mrs. E. Erwin, St. Louis Bertrand—Mrs. J. Smart, St. Lillian—Mrs. Lillian Score, Miss Stella O'Connell, St. Francis Xavier's—Mrs. Wagner.

From the time the fair opens until it closes every person who enters Liederkranz Hall with a ticket will have an opportunity to secure a splendid organ donated by Smith & Nixon, and tickets for the piano offered by the Montenegro-Richman Company are going rapidly. Father Cronin has donated a gold medal, and the ladies in charge of the dining room have done excellently well in securing provisions, although more donations will be thankfully accepted.

Peculiar circumstances brought about by causes beyond the control of the Sisters of Charity have obliged them to make this exceptional appeal. They find it imperative necessary to build an addition to Sts. Mary and Elizabeth's Hospital. Heretofore it has been self-sustaining, although largely a charitable institution, many patients having been nursed free of charge.

The hospital has been established nearly forty years, and has done good work. Now those who conduct it ask their friends to assist them in the present work.

COL. DORIAN HONORED.

On Monday night the Paducah Branch of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America elected Col. John J. Dorian as its delegate to the Supreme Council, which will meet at St. Louis next May. Col. Dorian has served in the same capacity at previous conventions and knows the ropes excellently well.

DOINGS OF KNIGHTS.

Louisville Council, Knights of Columbus, will confer the three degrees on a class of seventy-five candidates on Sunday afternoon, December 19. This is one of the largest classes ever put through in Louisville, and will run the council close

to the 700 mark. Tomorrow many of the members will go to Elizabethtown via the Illinois Central railroad to assist at the initiation of a class and the establishment of a new council there. The train will leave the Seventh street depot at 8 o'clock and will reach Elizabethtown at 9:30 to allow the members to attend high mass. The train will leave Elizabethtown at 10:15 o'clock on the return trip.

TRINITY COUNCIL

Selects New Officers But Good Men to Guide.

Trinity Council had a splendidly attended meeting on Monday night with President James B. Kelly pre-



PRESIDENT V. K. ECKER.

siding. The main business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Chaplain—Rev. J. A. O'Grady.

President—Vic K. Ecker.

First Vice President—Dan J. Hennessy.

Second Vice President—Frank Brigan.

Financial Secretary—Clem. A. Elert.

Recording Secretary—Phil Sandman.

Corresponding Secretary—Raymond Eyl.

Treasurer—C. Edward Mueller.

Marshal—Henry Dries.

Executive Committee—J. C. Kirchner, A. G. Schneider, J. L. Coniffe, John Rittman and Robert Denzinger.

Collector—James A. Meyer.

Mr. Ecker had no opposition for election as President, and all the new officers were well chosen. They have worked in and out of season for the success of the council. The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in January. The next thing in order will be the "grosses gast mohl," which will be held next Monday evening. President Kelly promises plenty of good German dishes and a feast for all the members.

HAPPY EVENING

Spent When Division 1, A. O. H., Held Its Election.

Division 1, A. O. H., held an old time reunion as well as its annual election of officers on Tuesday evening. The attendance was large and every member was in the happiest frame of mind. President Thomas Keenan presided and kept things going at a lively rate. On behalf of the Visiting Committee James Doran reported none ill. When time for the election of officers arrived the interest became general, and from the fact that there were six candidates for President and six for Vice President it can be seen that the election was not one-sided. The result of the balloting was as follows:

President—Thomas Walsh.

Vice President—William Murphy.

Recording Secretary—Thomas P. Lawler.

Financial Secretary—Thos. Dolan.

Treasurer—Thomas Keenan, Sr.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Louis Roller.

Sentinel—David Whelan.

Standing Committee—James P. Cusack, David O'Connell, Martin Cusack, James Kilkelly and Thomas Fitzgibbon.

Addresses of thanks were made by all the officers elected. Thomas Dolan, the newly elected Financial Secretary, convulsed all with his sallies of wit and made many happy hits at the expense of the other members.

President Keenan announced that during the current year there had been five deaths in the division, and that these with numerous sick claims had proven a severe drain upon the treasury. Now, he said, things were in better shape and that the treasury was not depleted.

William Kilkelly pleased everybody with selections on the piano, and for his trouble was elected Musical Director. During the evening the Entertainment Committee furnished plenty of Tom Tarpey's "Just Right" brand of cigars.

President Keenan announced that the division would hold an initiation at the next meeting. The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

TWO WEEKS FOR PLAY.

The public schools of Louisville will begin the Christmas holiday recess on December 22. The season will close on January 3, giving pupils and teachers a fortnight's respite. The holidays in the Catholic schools will be practically the same.

DOWNFALL

Of Italy's Cabinet Threatens Dire Disaster to That Country.

Unpleasant For Pope It Radicals and Socialists Win Victory.

Germany and United States Seem to Be Only Asylums Left.

WAR ON THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE

The Giolitti Cabinet in Italy went down in defeat on Thursday of last week, which necessitates the forming of a new Cabinet at once. Italy is now undergoing a crisis like that of Great Britain, and practically for the same reason—a fight over the financial budget. To those in Italy the disturbance is more serious than to us in the United States. The downfall of the Cabinet was primarily due to the defeat of Premier Giolitti's fiscal reforms. The general opinion is that Giolitti will be asked to form a new Cabinet or that Baron Sonnino will be asked to construct one.

The situation in Italy is this: On one side are the Conservatives aiming at an understanding with the Clericals with a programme for increased taxation, augmentation of armaments, strengthening of the triple alliance, and the bringing about of some sort of a modus vivendi with the Vatican, putting an end to the vexed questions in Rome, even by allowing that the position of absolute independence of the Supreme Pontiff in Rome should be recognized and granted through international agreement. On the other side are the Radicals, Republicans and Socialists, who have discovered that there is no contradiction to their becoming Ministers even under a monarchical government.

Thus preparations are going forward to form an extremist Cabinet. The programme includes an abandonment of the triple alliance, radical fiscal reform, the suppression of burdens on the necessities of the poorer classes and augmenting the taxes of the rich, substituting a national militia for the standing army, and finally conducting an energetic campaign against the Catholic church by suppressing and disbanding the religious orders, confiscating their property, abolishing the schools conducted by priests, prohibiting religious teaching in the public schools and expropriating the Holy See and the administration of the church with that of any company, thus obliging the Vatican to account for the funds it has received and spent.

Should such a Government come into power the question is: Could the Pope remain in Rome? The conclusion to which prominent politicians and prelates come is that if the Pope thought himself forced to leave the Eternal City, only one country in Europe could offer him an asylum, namely Germany, whose Emperor was the only sovereign to send him greetings on his episcopal jubilee with an autograph letter. However, if Germany failed, the safest land to which to transport the Holy See, it is remarked, would be the United States, where the Pope would acquire new energy and fresh impulse from American life and influences.

Senator Tittoni, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the fallen Cabinet, sees danger in Italy's withdrawal from the triple alliance. He declares it would give Austria a long looked for opportunity to declare war and to pour her soldiers into Italy through the Alpine passes while the Austrian fleet will attack the Adriatic coast.

On the other hand, there are plenty of people, even occupying high positions, who are convinced that what might be called the prudent policy of the last Cabinet was excessive and unjustified. It is recalled that King Victor himself since his accession to the throne has given no doubtful proof of his desire to emancipate himself and his country from the kind of patronage extended to them by the Kaiser and Germany, repelling at the same time the hostile attitude of Austria. It is chiefly due to the King if the Italo-Russian relations were so strengthened as to lead to the meeting of Racconigi. It is also recalled that Austria last year, after the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, did not dare to fight Serbia, although repeatedly provoked by the small dominion of King Peter, so that she will think twice before attacking Italy, which some believe quite fit to successfully confront her, as was proved by Gen. Asinari's violent utterances last week.

Will the Triple be able to resist such a situation? It seems almost impossible, especially as it is known that Germany, still sore at Italy's desertion at Algiers, will claim at the renewal of the treaty that Italy shall give guarantees that she will support her allies, diplomatically in peace times and with her forces in time of war.

HANNEN'S HANDS FULL.

Hon. Edward D. Hannen was chosen Grand Knight of Paducah Council, Knights of Columbus, on Wednesday night of last week. He received seventy-one of the ninety-one votes cast. Mr. Hannen is an old Louisville boy, but for twenty years has resided in Paducah, where he occupies positions of business, social and political influence. He is a

dent of the Board of Aldermen and the city's leading plumber. One would think that he would be satisfied with the new honor thrust upon him, but Ed has two more ambitions. He wants to be Mayor of Paducah and to establish a division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in that city. Both ambitions are laudable and his friends will help him to attain both. In Paducah there is nothing too good for Alderman Hannen.

YOUNGER ELEMENT

Will Rule Affairs of Unity Council Next Year.

Unity Council, Y. M. I. of New Albany, met Tuesday night with the best attendance of the year. All knew it was the date for holding the annual election, and this brought out nearly every member of the council. The election was quite spirited. In some instances the votes were tied and a second ballot was necessary. The final result was as follows:

President—Fred Reisz.

First Vice President—John Martel.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary—John Poutrich.

Financial Secretary—Frank Zoeller.

Treasurer—Edmund Schmitt.

Marshal—Joseph Tadeusz.

Inside Sentinel—George Renn.

Outside Sentinel—Jacob Renn.

Executive Committee—Peter Spickert, Peter Pfeffer, Emile Dupaquier, James O'Hara and Joseph Schmitt.

Among the visitors was James T. Shelley, of Louisville, one of the Supreme Directors. He made a brief talk on affairs of the order in general and the proposed affiliation or union of the Y. M. I. with the Catholic Young Men's National Union. Owing to the late hour Mr. Shelley's talk was rather brief and he promised to visit the council again when he could speak more at length. Unity Council's affairs are in sound financial condition. With the exception of the Executive Committee the new officers represent the younger element. The new officers will be installed on the first Tuesday in January. The members of Unity will receive holy communion in a body at St. Mary's church at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

OLD OFFICERS

Are Good Enough For Division 3, A. O. H., to Uphold.

Division 3, A. O. H., held its regular meeting on Thursday evening of last week, and the previous announcement that the election of officers would take place had a salutary effect in bringing out a large attendance. President Patrick T. Sullivan presided. Patrick Kilkenny was elected to membership. The Visiting Committee reported that Thomas Kahn was suffering from a sprained hand, and John Martin, William Kelly and James Horan, who have been ill, were reported as improving.

Under the head of new business the election of officers for the ensuing year was taken up and resulted as follows:

President—Patrick T. Sullivan.

Vice President—Martin Sheehan.

Recording Secretary—Thomas J. Stevens.

Financial Secretary—John G. Heslin.

Treasurer—Daniel J. Dougherty.

Sentinel—Thomas Noon.

Sergeant-at-Arms—James P. Stevens.

Standing Committee—Thomas Kennedy, James Ryan, James Trestone, John Karman and John Broderick.

In an eloquent address President Sullivan thanked the members for the confidence reposed in him and promised he would do everything in his power to make the division prosper during the ensuing year. With the exception of Patrick Begley, who declined to stand for re-election as Sergeant-at-Arms, all the old officers were re-elected, and all thanked their fellow-members for new marks of confidence. Mr. Begley will still be a good Hibernian, even if he is not an officer.

Addresses were made by State President George J. Butler, L. J. Mackey and James Coleman. Many other members made brief talks during the evening. The tenor of each address was that Division 3 would try for better things during 1910.

Before adjourning President Sullivan reminded the members that a big joint initiation would be held at Bertrand Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, December 19.

FAIR WAS BIG SUCCESS.

The Catholic fair at Syracuse for the benefit of the House of Providence was a great success and netted \$30,000. Men of all classes and creeds assisted and the children of every orphan asylum in Onondaga county were taken to the fair and allowed to see the sights. All were presented with toys and sweets. The fair was held in the Armory and continued six nights. On the closing night 7,138 people crowded the hall. The automobile to be awarded to the most popular priest was won by the Rev. Father William F. Dougherty, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's church and Chairman of the managing board of the fair.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT.

The retreat for girls and young ladies at St. Louis Bertrand's parish will close at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening. The Rev. Father J. V. Molloy, O. P., has been giving the instructions, and has been much pleased with the attendance and the piety of the young women.

DANGEROUS

Work Is That of Switching in the Big Railroad Yards.

Pay Is Scanty and the Insurance Companies Fight Shy.

Must Be Men of Activity and Brains to Hold the Job.

CONDITION ALMOST INTOLERABLE

Appropos of the great strike of railroad switchmen in the Northwest and the possibility of that strike spreading through the East and to other branches of the railroad service, it might be well to look into the dangers that these railroad switchmen encounter. Any life insurance company that knows its business will not insure a switchman. Actuaries for the companies whose names the lives and conditions of railroad switchmen a study. They will either not accept such a risk or else fix a rate high enough to be absolutely prohibitive.

The demand for more money and better conditions was primarily brought about in Chicago's freight yards, said to be the most dangerous in the world. The danger is not to the man who stands in the tower and throws a lever according to signals. Neither is it to the man who stands on the ground and throws a switch ahead and behind a train. The greatest danger is to the foreman of the engine and his assistants.

In Chicago the foreman of a freight switching crew receives from thirty-five to thirty-seven cents an hour. He works the calendar month through regardless of Sundays and holidays, and his average pay is \$96 a month. While supposed to work only ten hours each day he may be called upon to perform duty for twelve, fourteen or even sixteen hours. Of course he gets paid for overtime, but the work is more wearing and every minute he is increasing the danger of losing his life.

As a rule the work is not as long and certainly not as hazardous in the summer months as it is during winter, when the engine footboards are covered with snow and ice and a pitiless wind is biting the face and ears. Each engine foreman has at least one, sometimes two or more assistants, and these assistants receive from thirty-two to thirty-four cents an hour and work every calendar month through.

They get a furlough when they lose a leg, an arm or get buried. They are required to have brains and to use them. It is more hazardous than sitting at a desk, clipping coupons and it requires more brains. There are more than 2,000 switchmen in Chicago. St. Paul, Minneapolis, Lincoln, Omaha and every other large commercial center have hundreds and more of them. The life of the average switchman is eight years. If he is not dead after eight years' service he is either minus arms or legs and unfit for duty. He must seek other means of a livelihood.

The switchman must keep a cool head and swift feet and be as alert as an alert eye. The wrong signal or mistaking a signal may mean death, certainly disaster. He must be thrifty and steady. His only hope is to save enough money in a few years to enable him to enter some line of business less dangerous. Few switchmen are fortunate enough to obtain a railroad promotion to a less hazardous position.

Not one out of a thousand persons that ride on railroad trains understand the risks taken by the switchmen. Not one in 10,000 of those who ship freight realize the perils of the men who handle their goods at terminals and junctions. The American people are quick to throw their sentiments the right way when they realize the wrong that is being done, and if the striking switchmen continue to carry on a campaign of education their wages will be raised and the general conditions under which they work will be ameliorated.

BARDSTOWN INITIATION.

More than 100 Knights from Louisville went to Bardstown last Sunday to attend the initiation of a class of forty. The councils at Bowling Green and Lebanon were also well represented. The banquet was held in the evening after the third degree had been conferred. Hon. Ben Johnson, Congressman from the Fourth district, was the toastmaster. Those who responded to toasts were Judge Sam J. Boldrick, of Louisville, whose subject was "Catholicity in Kentucky"; Attorney Thomas P. Walsh, of Louisville, who spoke on "The Ideal Knight"; Attorney J. J. Kavanaugh, of Louisville, whose theme was "The Catholic Citizen." John Talbott, of Bardstown, made an interesting talk on "Increasing Membership."

MEAGHER'S SON DEAD.

The news comes from Manila